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COMMENTS

Alison Wolfe, MNG Center at SRA  
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Dear Ms. Wolfe:

For about the last five years I have been very interested and worried about the high concentration of PCB'S in the Pittsfield, MA area in the Housatonic River. I have lived in Great Barrington, MA since 1960 very close to the banks of the Housatonic River as it flows through REACH 8 AND A POSSIBLE COLLECTION OF CONTAMINATED SENDIMENT IN THE WATERS OF RISING POND, North of Town of Great Barrington.

I went to BMC Hospital in Pittsfield several years ago to give a bloodsample to determine PCB levels in residents. My test was negative - but; this leads to my fears that over the years ahead the downstream section of the river could become contaminated if the upper Reaches 5, 6 & 7 are not completely cleared of PCB poisons. Although it might be settled that testing will be done every year, I find it highly likely that after 20 or more years; the situation will be all but forgotten.

Therefore, I believe General Electric should be Court Mandated to completely clean all areas of the Housatonic River until the entire length Reach 17 flowing into Long Island Sound is proven to be free of all PCB levels. I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

*Barbara A. Syer*